



Eli Bailes American Legion Post 43 Scholarship 2025-26

PURPOSE: This scholarship was established in 2026 by the Eli Bailes American Legion Post 43. The Eli Bailes American Legion Post 43, named in honor of a local Fort Mill soldier who made the supreme sacrifice in World War I, is a patriotic organization that supports the Fort Mill schools and community in many ways. This \$1000 scholarship provides assistance to a graduating senior JROTC Cadet from Fort Mill High School and a graduating senior JROTC Cadet from Nation Ford High School to further develop leadership and citizenship skills while they pursue their secondary education.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, a candidate shall be a graduating senior at Fort Mill High School or Nation Ford High School which meets the following requirements:

- Be in good standing with Fort Mill High School or Nation Ford High School;
- Have been accepted at an accredited two or four-year institution of higher learning or technical college;
- Current senior in Fort Mill High School or Nation Ford High School JROTC
- Submit 250-500- word essay on topics provided (see below);

SELECTION PROCESS: A committee composed of a school administrator, a guidance counselor, JROTC instructors, and the scholarship sponsor will review all applications and select a recipient.

AMOUNT: One \$1,000 scholarship at Fort Mill High School and one at Nation Ford High School.

APPLICATION: To apply, complete the scholarship application and provide a 250-500- word essay briefly describing the meaning of one of the four Pillars of the American Legion: Children and Youth, Americanism, National Defense, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Include in the essay a description of a JROTC experience specific to the pillar and end with personal impact or growth.

DISBURSEMENT: The scholarship check will be made payable and sent directly to the university or college upon receipt of the Student Scholarship Acceptance Form (provided at award notification). Recipient will be announced at the Academic Awards Program in May.

DEADLINE: Application is due to Guidance by **March 1, 2026**

Scholarship Application

Current High School: FMHS _____ NFHS _____

Name (print) _____

Address _____

Home Phone # & Cell #'s _____

Email Address _____

Parents' Names _____

School of Study/Curriculum Cluster _____

Grade Point Average _____

Extracurricular Activities (list or attach separately) _____

University, College or Technical School You Plan to Attend _____

Intended Major _____

Career Plans _____

I, (the applicant) do hereby attest that to the best of my knowledge the information on the application and associated attachments is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____